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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 3-9.
  - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 1,6,9.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity

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- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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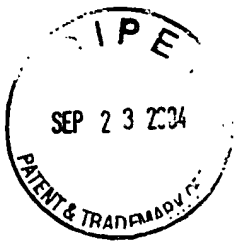
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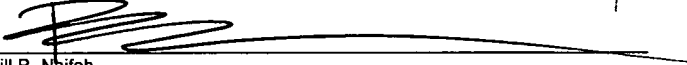
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		§	<b>Unit:</b>	
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<b>Filed:</b>	March 28, 2004	§	<b>Examiner:</b>	Unknown
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**For:** LEVERAGE LOCKING REVERSIBLE CYCLIC SUTURING AND KNOT-TYING  
DEVICE

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

In complete response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application dated June 21, 2004 for the above referenced case, enclosed please find:

- (1) An executed Declaration;
- (2) Replacement Drawings;
- (3) A Petition for Extension of Time;
- (4) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts, and
- (5) Credit Card Payment Form for \$120;
- (6) Acknowledgment Postcard

If you have any questions or deem this response to be incomplete, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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